

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2561 - SB 2615

March 4, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to report to the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding any furloughs granted for pregnancy or severe medical conditions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 41-21-227(h) authorizes the DOC to grant furloughs to female inmates for any period up to six months to permit the giving of birth and the bonding between mother and child.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 41-21-227(i) authorizes the DOC to grant furloughs to eligible inmates for an indeterminate duration for certain severe medical conditions.
- The DOC must report any furlough granted under Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-21-227(h) or (i) to the State and Local Government Committee of the Senate and the State Government Committee of the House or Representatives. The bill adds the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives to the list of committees that the DOC must notify.
- Because the DOC already reports these furloughs to committees of the General Assembly, it is assumed that the DOC can report to the additional committees within their existing resources.
- The DOC confirms that it can report to the additional committees within their existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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